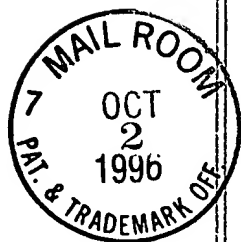


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This is applicants' first submission under the provisions of § 1.129. This first submission is accompanied by the required fee of \$770.00 specified in § 1.17(r). This application has not been abandoned.

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